

A Greece Travel Book (of Sorts)

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For Samantha—my partner in life and

How do you
know if you're
reading a travel
book?

Is it the title?

Is it the lists of
must-see sites?

Is it the detailed
maps?

This is a travel
book about
Greece, but it's
not going to cover
those things.

Plenty of books
can help you with
that stuff.



This is a

travel book
about slowly
delighting in
the daily
pleasures of
Greece rather
than over-
scheduling
your time
there.





Greece has attracted visitors for thousands of years, and travel writers have been telling people what to see and do there ever since.

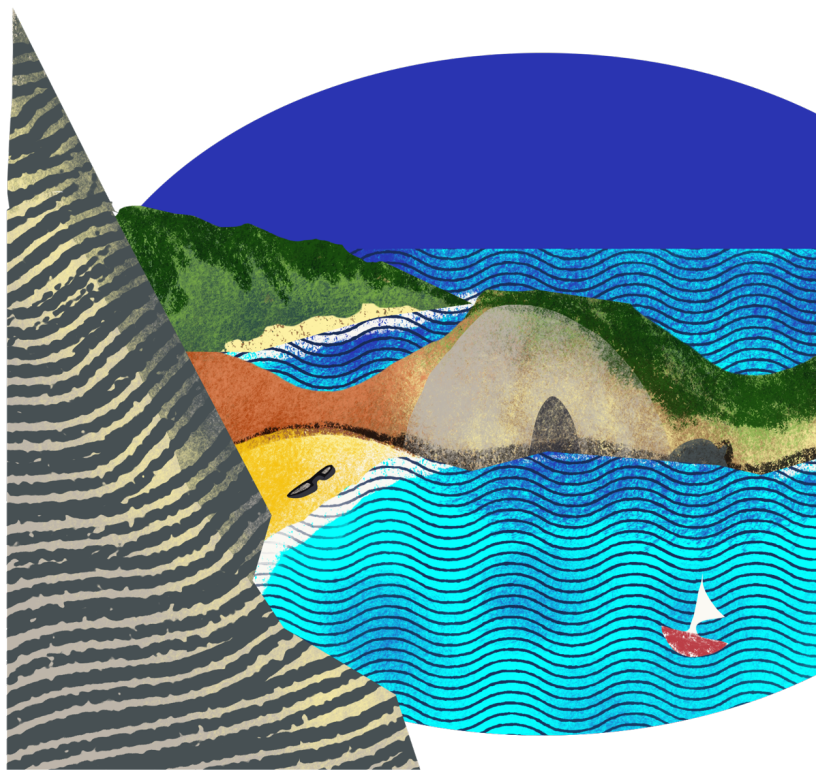


Modern travel guides are packed with things you absolutely must see and it's every moment of your day. These guides

that having unscheduled time during
But travel advice hasn't always been 1
travelers have followed their personal
and shared their stories and pictures.
Let's see what some of them were pas









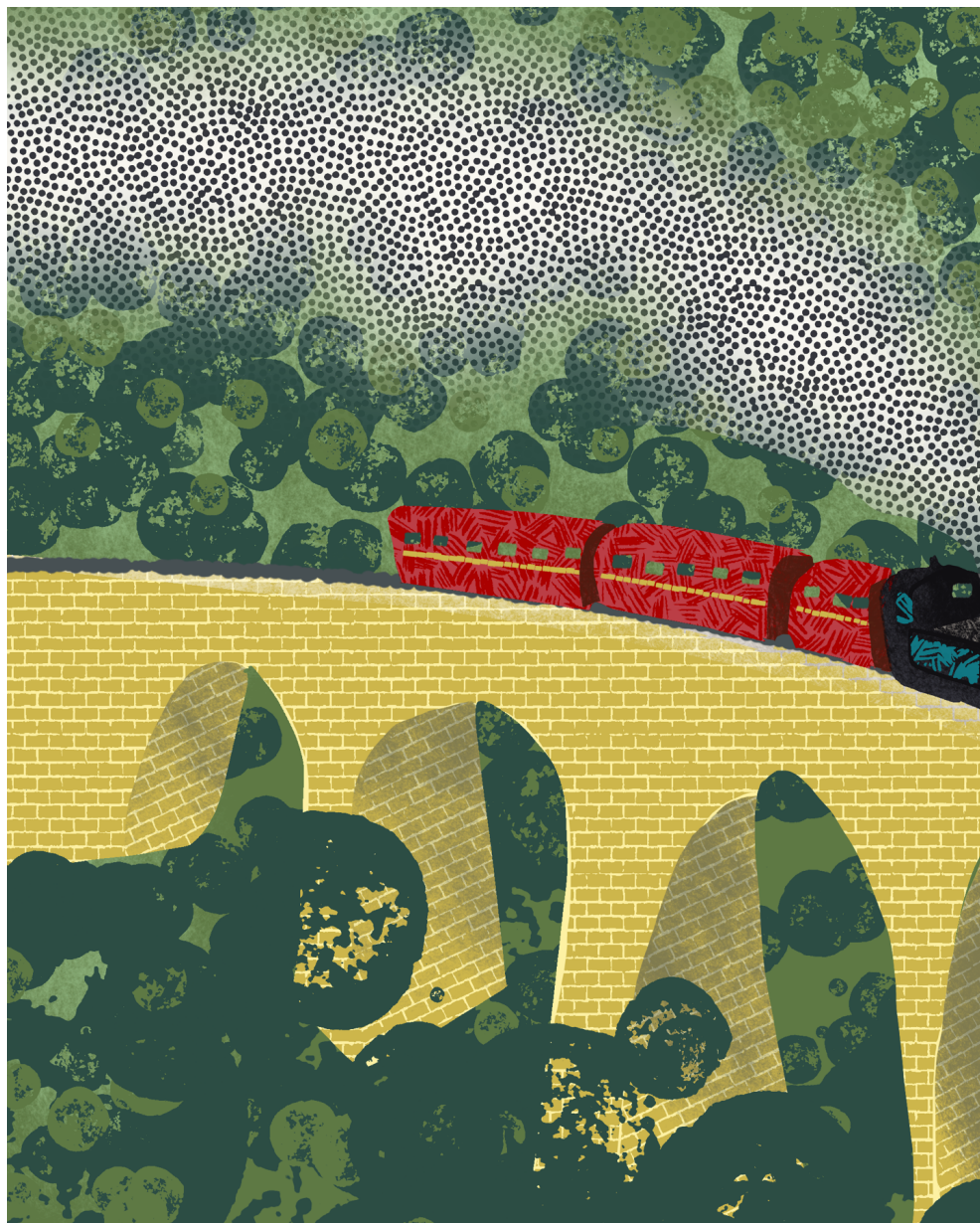
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Pausanias

Back in 180 AD, Pausanias wrote ten travel books about Greece. He invented the travel guide almost 2,000 years ago! He loved monuments and religious buildings. Scholars still use his guides to learn about archaeological sites, even if his passion might sound a little icy to modern readers...

“I know of nobody who has measured the height of the image, but at a guess one would estimate it to be as much as thirty cubits. It is not the work of Bathycles, being old and uncouth...”





In the late 1800s, long distance travel became easier and photography made it possible to see far-off places. Greece started to attract lots of new visitors. Many people thrilled at the chance to retrace Odysseus's journey home, see famous ruins, climb mountains, and even dress up in traditional

Greek costumes.

Caption





Frederick Boissonnas

Frederick was a photographer from Grenchen, Switzerland. In the early 1900s, he traveled with the Frenchman Victor Berard on the route that Odysseus took to get home. Frederick took many pictures of Greek landscapes and ruins. His photographs and books inspired many people to visit Greece.



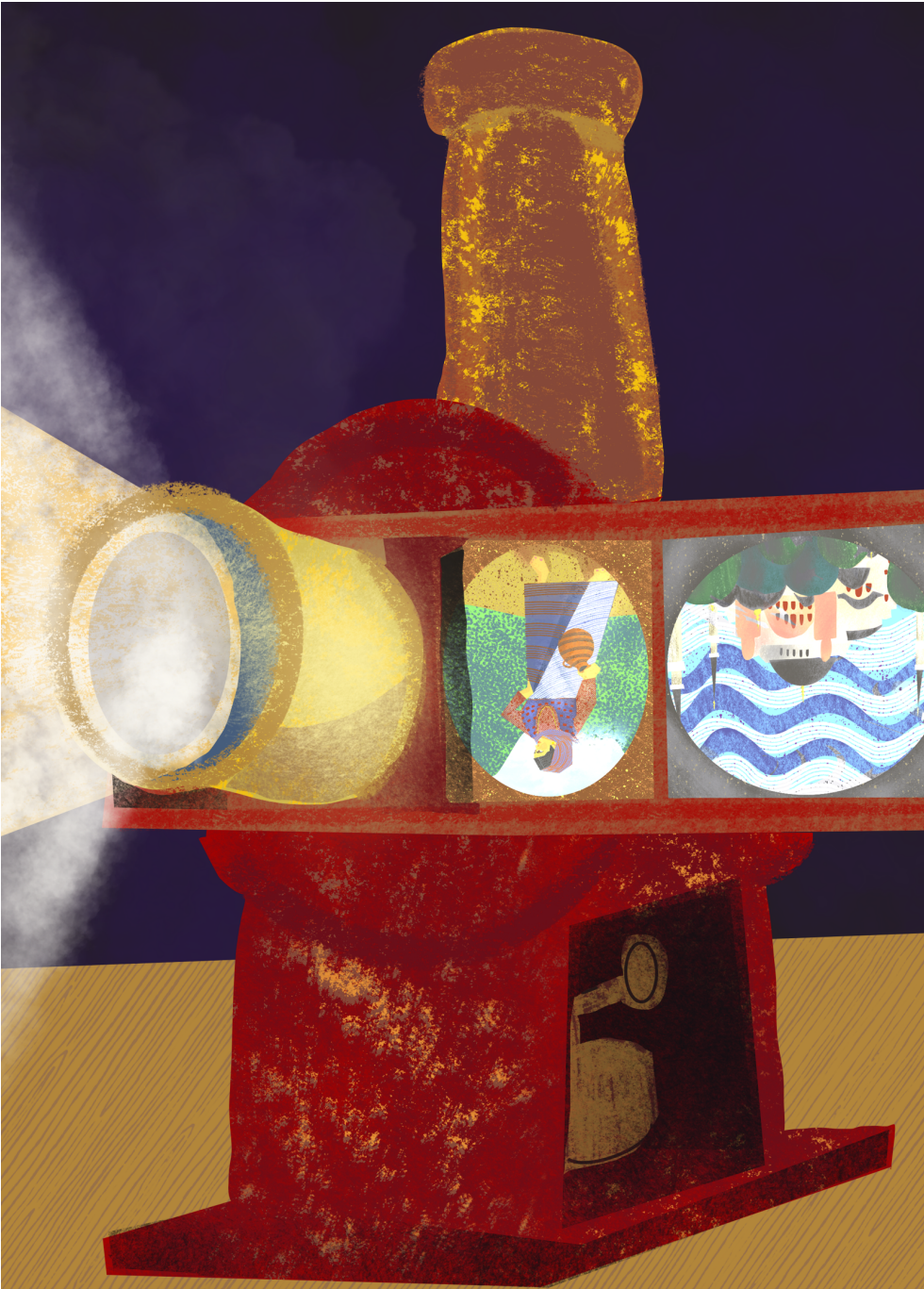
Annie Smith Peck

Annie was an American traveler who broke gender barriers. In 1885, she became the first woman to study at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens. Mountains were her thing. She hiked Mount Hymettus and Mount Pentelicus in Greece and then climbed mountains all over the world, even in terrible weather. She gave popular lectures

about her travels.







Burton Holmes

Burton was another American traveler who first went to Greece in the 1890s. He gave illustrated lectures to rapt audiences using a magic lantern that projected hand-colored slides from his travels in Greece and other places. He sought out adventure, and even got dressed up in local costumes.

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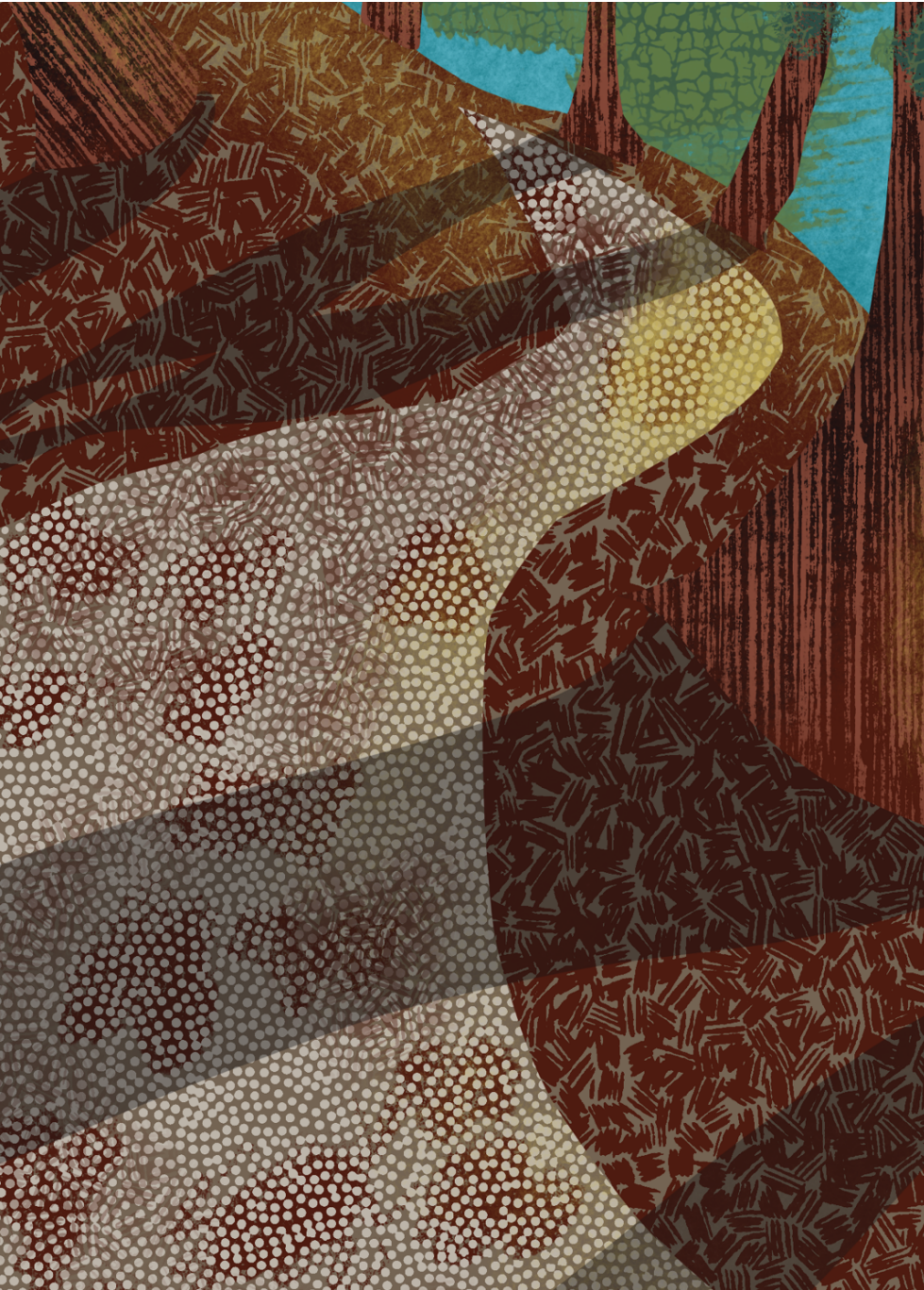


Lots of people have been entranced by
Odysseus's trip home or anybody else

the lines at some of the famous sites a
Burton would have stood in tourist lin
Greece overflows with daily pleasures
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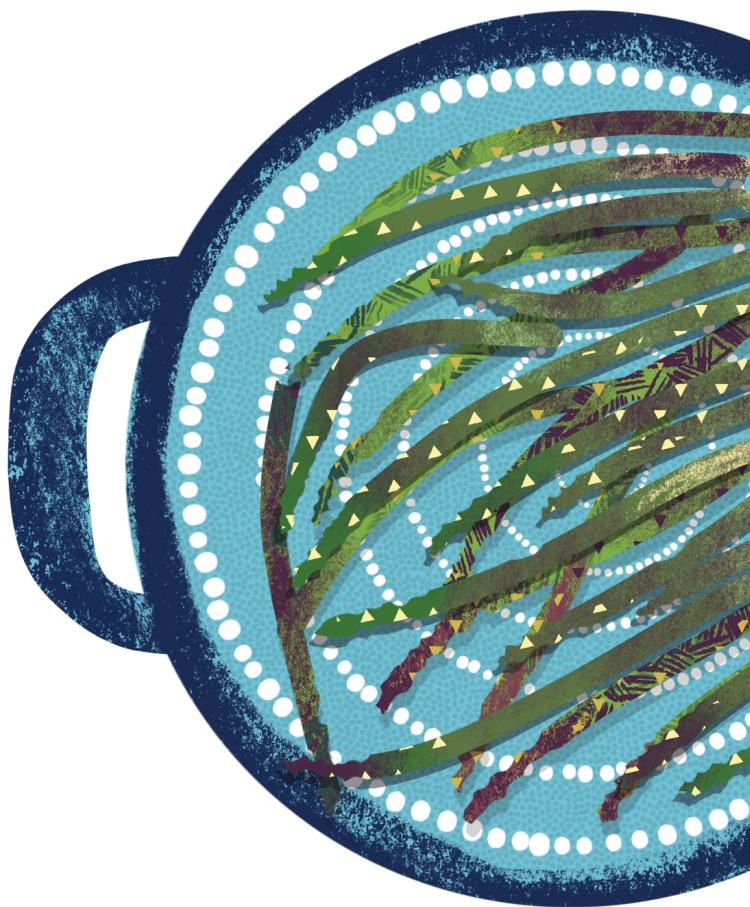




....wander old stone paths.







...see what's edible along your walkin

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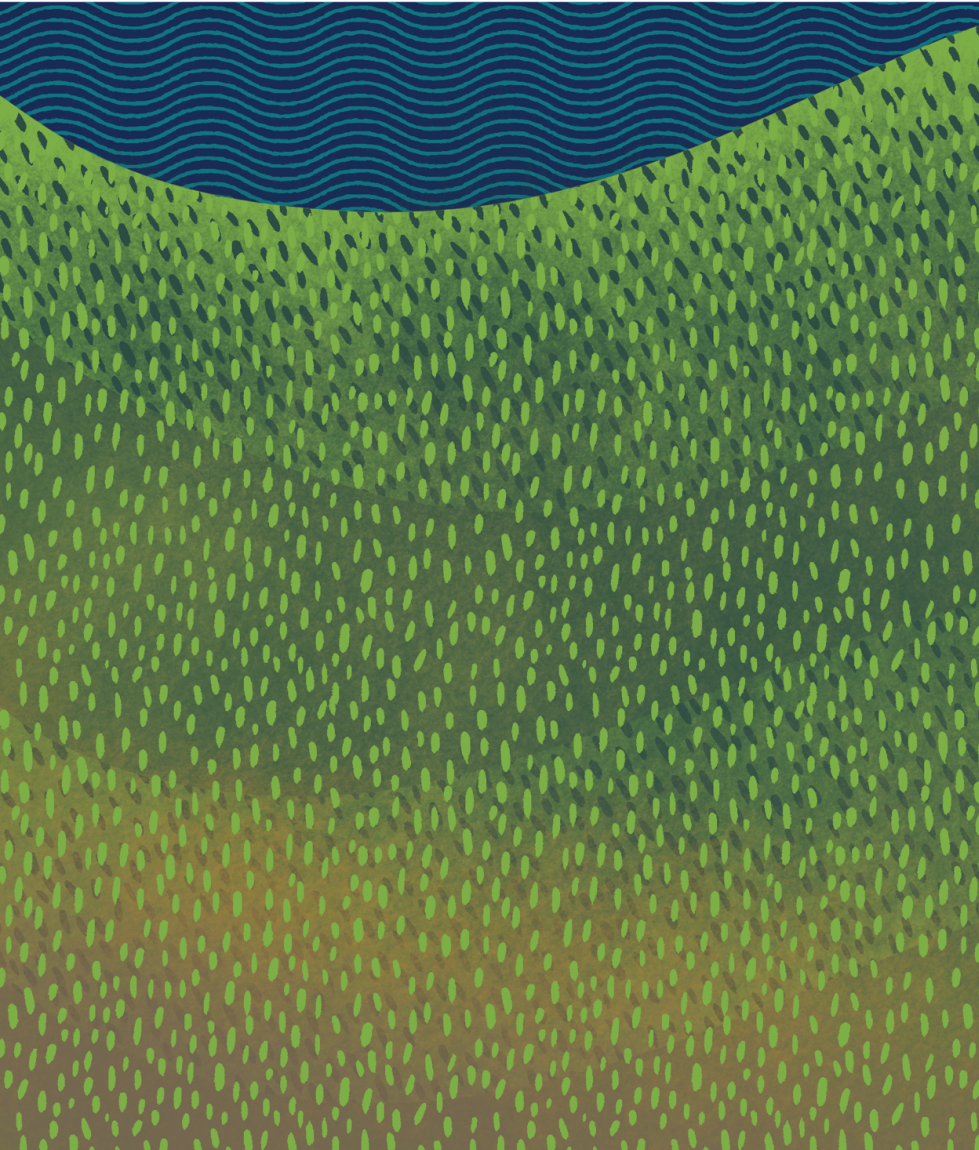
...try homemade specialties at the eat



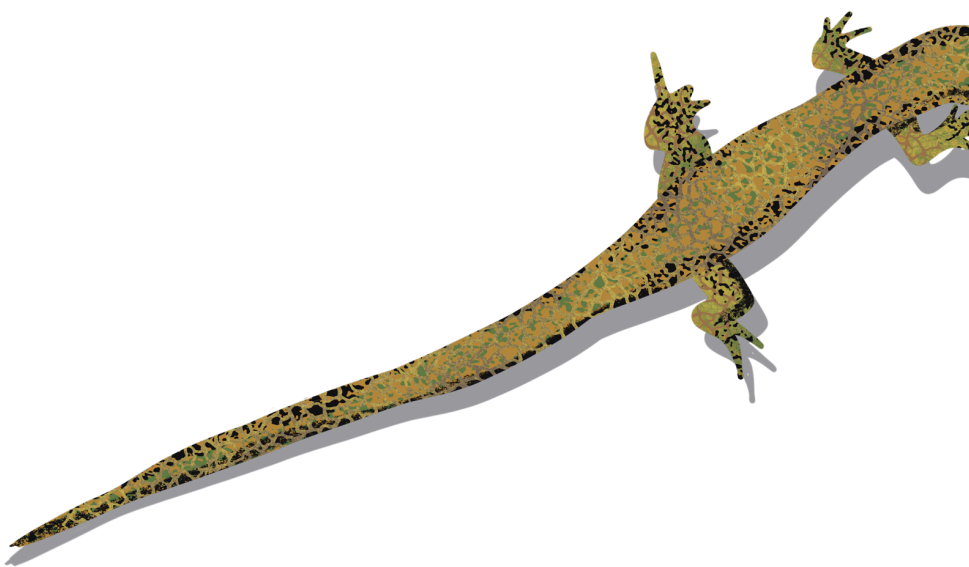




...take in the views on a ferry ride.



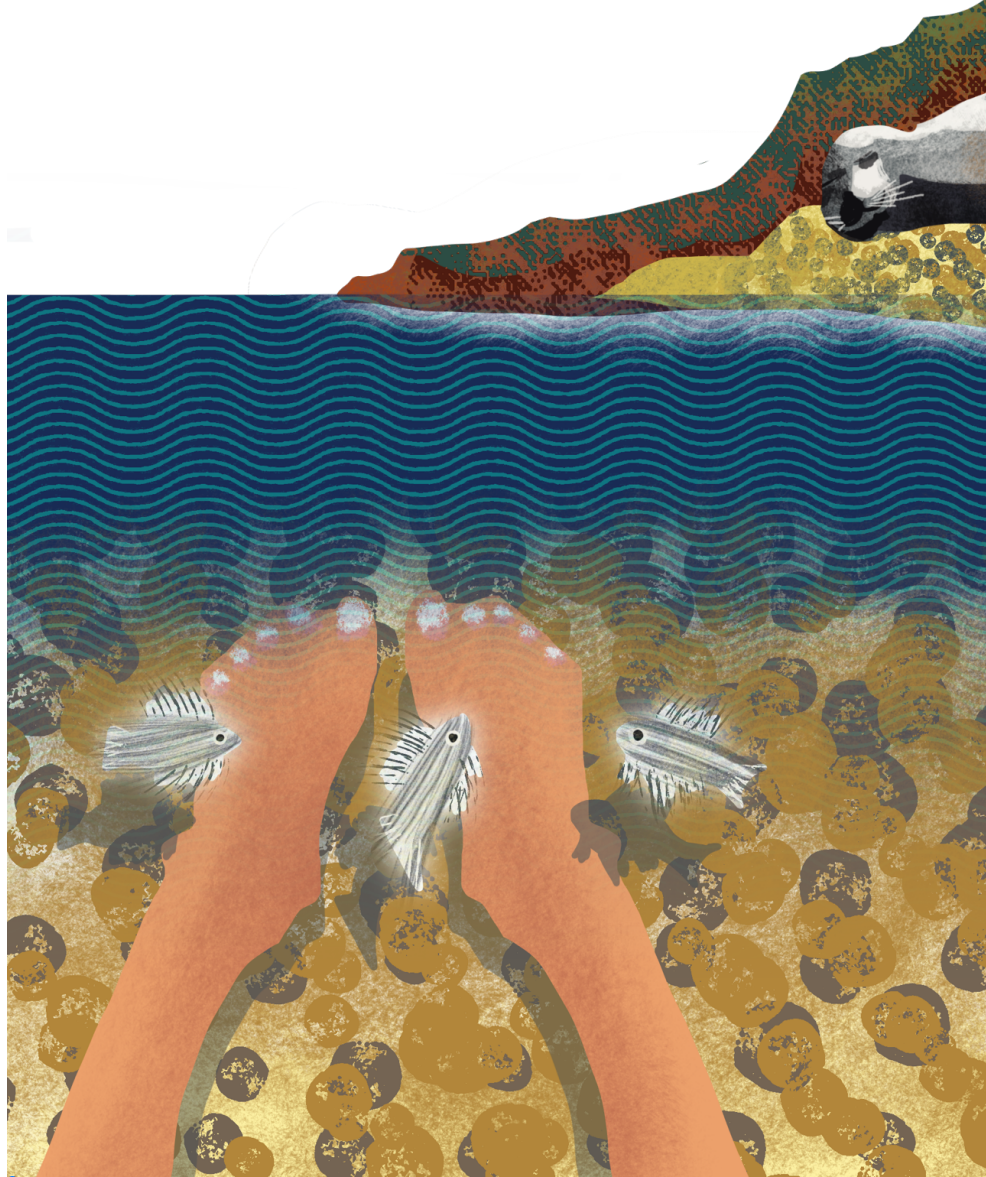






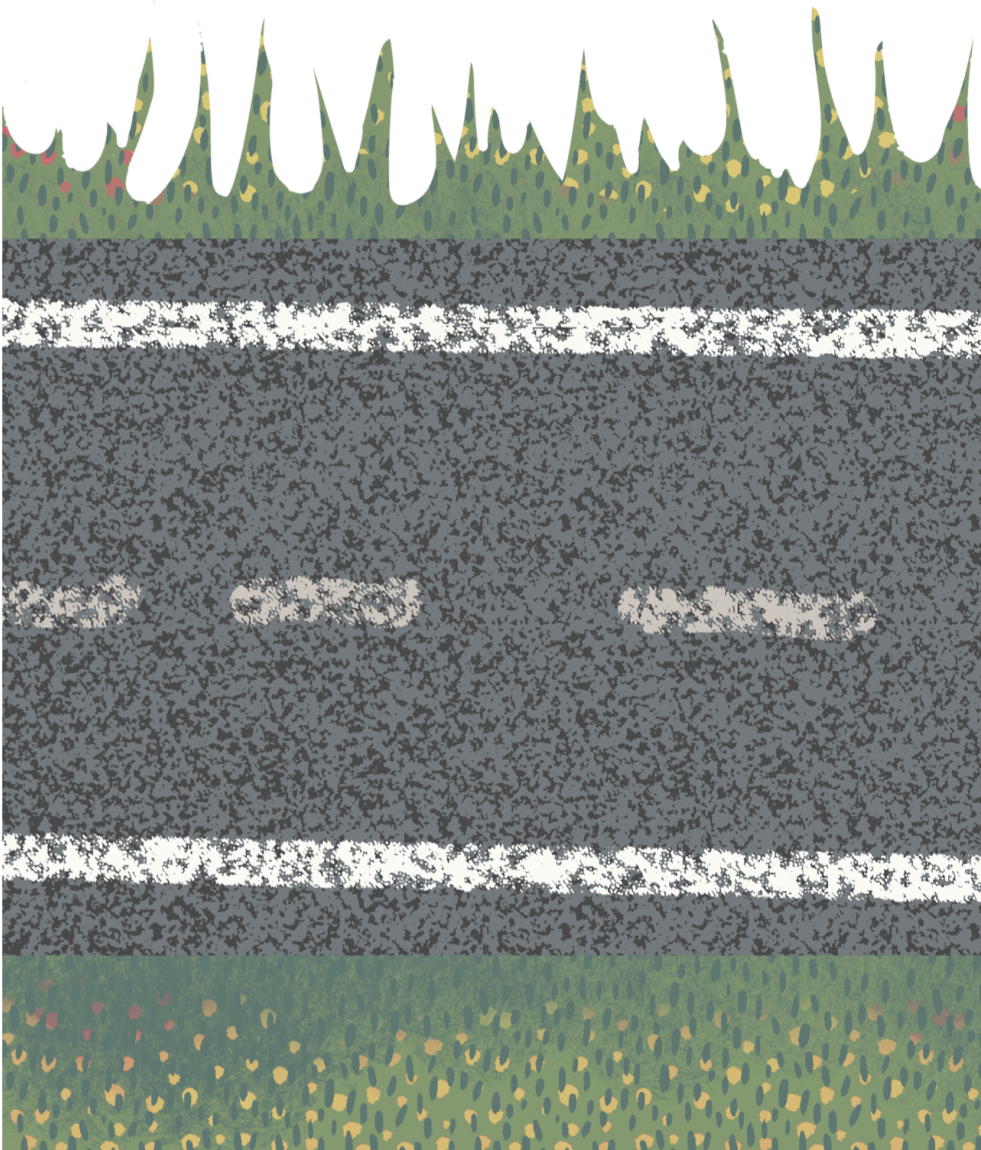
...keep an eye out for little creatures a







...see who is hanging out on the beach



...navigate the traffic congestion.









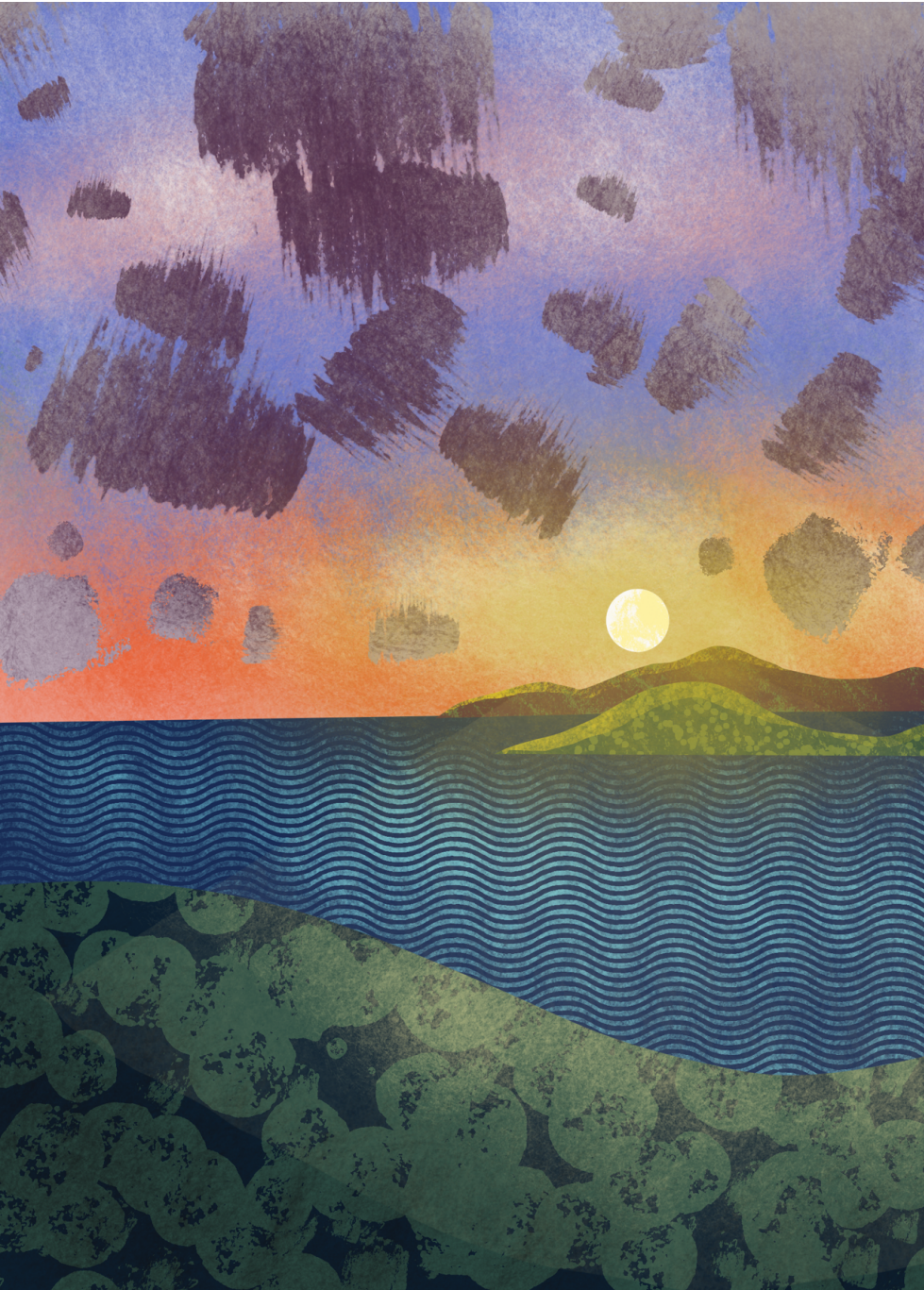




...take in the view and sip a cold drink

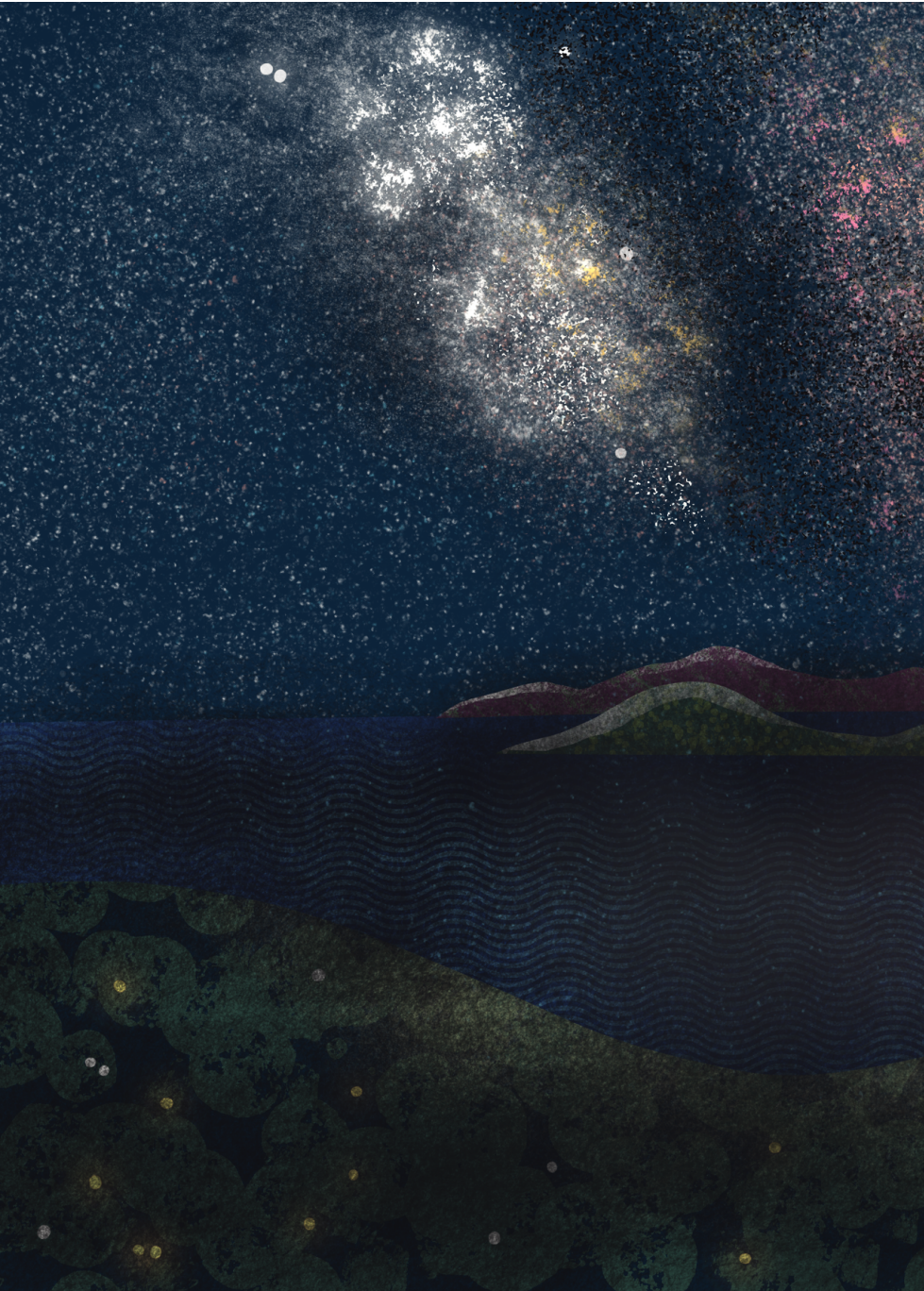


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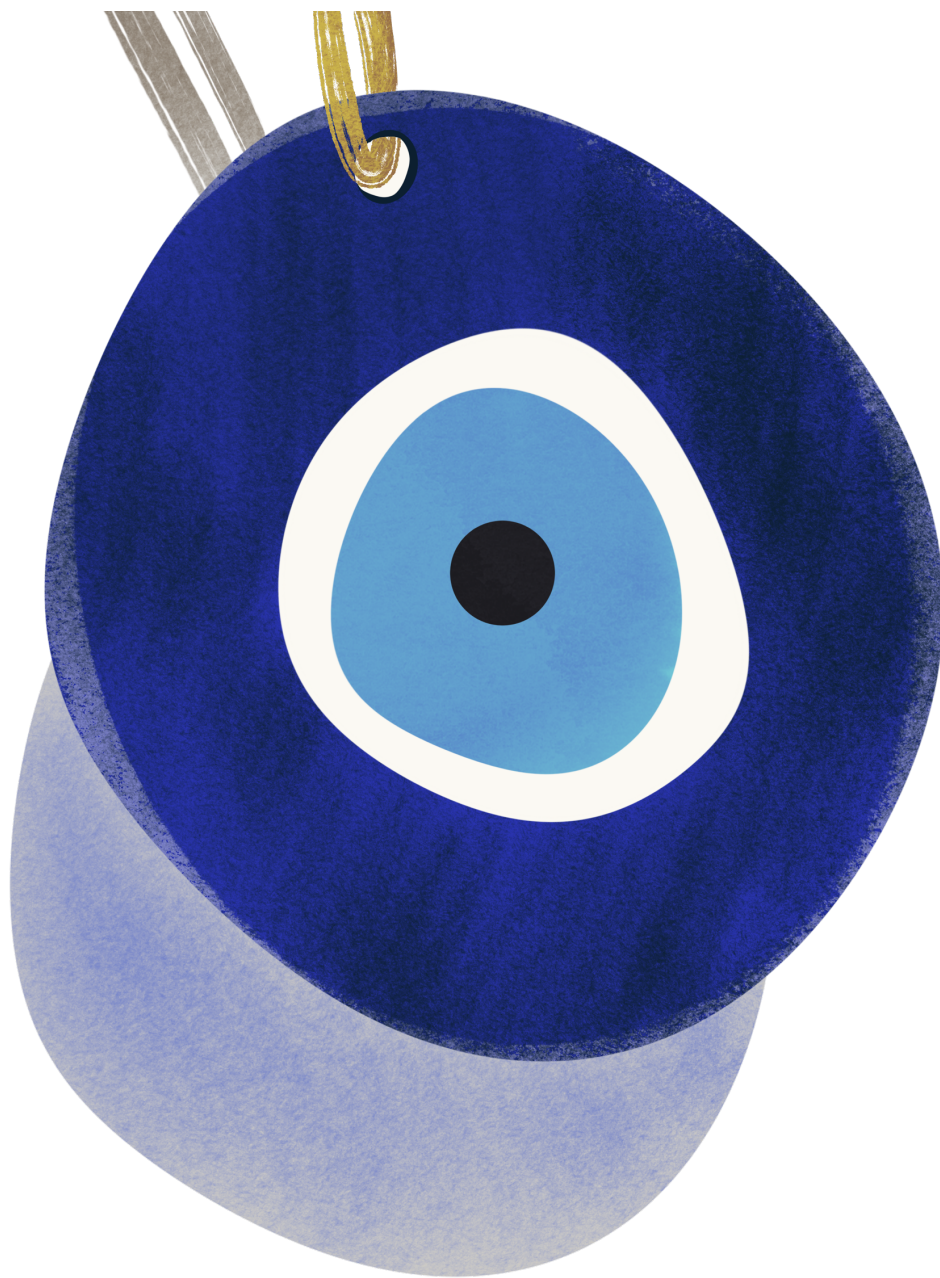


...wake up early to see the sunrise.

...stay up late to see the Milky Way.



These are just a few of the pleasures that await you. Pursue your own joys! Bring home souvenirs, but while you are there, enjoy the Greek nature and people. You'll have wonderful experiences and memories to cherish! All you need to do is to...







...enjoy Greece!



The author Gabe, at right, with Greek